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2014 SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY FINAL UPDATE

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the results from the 2014 Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery. This season the guideline harvest level was set at 16,333 tons and the final harvest was 16,976 tons. The harvest and mature roe recovery by opening, as reported on fish tickets, were as follows:

Date	Harvest (tons)	Mature Roe%
March 20	5,031	12.3%
March 23	4,505	12.1%
March 26	3,699	12.8%
March 29	3,741	12.3%
Total	16,976	12.4%

There were two distinct spawning events in Sitka Sound area this season. The first spawn occurred from March 25 until April 3. This spawn started on south Middle Island and included the shorelines of Middle, Kasiana, Apple, Chaichie, Crow, Gagarin, Siginaka, and Gavanski Islands and associated island groups, the Halibut Point Road shoreline, and Crescent Bay (see attached map). The total shoreline receiving spawn during this initial spawn was 36.5 nautical miles. On April 11, spawning began again and continued until April 17 for a total of 13.1 nautical miles of shoreline. This spawn included shoreline in the Starrigavin Bay area, Salisbury Sound, Hayward Strait, and near Fred's Creek on Kruzof Island. The total shoreline receiving spawn in 2014 was 49.6 nautical miles. This compares to a recent 10-year average of 63.1 nautical miles. The spawn deposition survey of the first spawning event was conducted April 8-11 and a spawn deposition survey of the second spawning event is scheduled to begin April 24. The results of the spawn deposition surveys will be available in the fall.

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